COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT SERIES

Engagement by the beach

Perth 2026

Location: Scarboro Surf Life Saving Club, Scarborough WA

Summit: Thursday 19th November 2026

Masterclass: Wednesday 18th November 2026

Featuring Key Industry Experts



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

By the Beach - Perth 2026

Get ready to reconnect, share ideas and be part of the conversations shaping the future of community engagement in Western Australia. For the first time since 2018, the Community Engagement Summit Series is returning to Perth this November, bringing together engagement and social impact professionals from across the state for a special two-day event.

This year's Summit is all about bringing people together to explore new ideas, share experiences, and inspire better approaches to community engagement. Expect thought-provoking discussions, opportunities to learn from industry peers and a welcoming atmosphere that encourages collaboration, reflection and practical takeaways.

You'll hear from leaders in government, consulting, academia and engagement technology. This practical learning experience is about being part of the conversations, bringing together lived experience and thought leadership to drive better practice in how we listen, communicate, collaborate and close the loop with communities.

REGISTER TODAY

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SUMMIT TOPICS

EXPLORING THE VALUE OF DELIBERATIVE ENGAGEMENT

Discover how deliberative engagement can deliver balanced, representative, and well-informed community input. Understand the situations where it shines, as well as those where it may not be the right approach.

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES THROUGH TARGETED DEMOGRAPHICS

See a live demonstration of cutting-edge technology that uses census data to pinpoint exactly where your target audiences are. Learn how to apply these insights to make your engagement more strategic, efficient, and impactful.

CAPTURING THE COMMUNITY

How marketing techniques can help you hear from underrepresented groups. Discover creative marketing techniques that cut through the noise and attract diverse participants.

EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

Discover how innovative digital tools and technologies can transform community engagement and create more inclusive, accessible experiences. Explore practical strategies to strengthen online participation, connect with diverse audiences, and build meaningful community relationships through interactive digital engagement approaches.

STRENGTHENING FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT

Explore approaches to First Nations engagement that build trust, strengthen relationships and encourage meaningful participation. Discover culturally respectful strategies that recognise First Nations perspectives, amplify community voices and support more inclusive engagement outcomes.

EMPOWERING YOUNG VOICES THROUGH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Explore creative approaches to youth engagement that empower young people to share their perspectives. Discover practical strategies to build trust, encourage participation, and create meaningful opportunities for young voices to shape their communities.

INNOVATING WITH AI & NON-HUMAN CENTRED DESIGN

Explore how AI and non-human centred design can reshape community engagement. Discover innovative approaches that combine technology, environmental perspectives, and creative thinking to deliver more inclusive and sustainable outcomes.



PRE-SUMMIT MASTERCLASS

with Dr. Joel Fredericks & Darius Turner

Wednesday 18th November 2026

Scarboro Surf Life Saving Club, Scarborough WA

Prior to the Summit, we will be hosting a one day Master Class with engagement expert Dr. Joel Fredericks from the University of Sydney.

Resilience Planning & Interactive Pop-Up Engagement
Explore how AI and non-human centred design can reshape community engagement. Discover innovative approaches that combine technology, environmental perspectives, and creative thinking to deliver more inclusive and sustainable outcomes.

Building Resilience Through Technology and Connection
Discover how immersive technologies and AI-powered tools can strengthen community resilience and create more engaging experiences. This interactive masterclass blends innovative digital solutions with practical, face-to-face engagement techniques, equipping participants with creative approaches to build trust, encourage meaningful participation, and inspire community action.

KEY TOPICS COVERED

- **Resilience Planning Foundations –** understanding engagement in the context of crisis and change
- **Immersive Technologies & AI Tools –** using tech to enhance participation and decision-making
- **Designing Interactive Pop-Ups –** co-creating activities with communities for genuine connection
- **Balancing Digital and Analogue –** knowing when to go high-tech and when to go hands-on
- **Prototyping & Testing –** refining ideas before taking them into the community
- **Practical Resources & Case Studies –** examples, checklists, and templates to take away



Dr Joel Fredericks

Joel is an academic researcher, community engagement practitioner and urban planner. Joel's academic research sits across urban planning, sustainable development, digital placemaking, media architecture, smart cities and immersive technologies. Joel brings more than a decade of experience as a consultant on a range of community and infrastructure projects in local government, road, rail, water, telecommunications and energy sectors. He has facilitated national, state and local community engagement programs across a diverse range of stakeholders within Australia.



Darius Turner

Darius is an experienced and energetic consultant with a down to earth approach, specialising in development engagement, local government, strategic planning and communications on major projects. Darius is known for building rapport with key stakeholder and delivering innovative and creative engagement. He holds a Master of Commerce from the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) from the University of New South Wales.

SUMMIT AGENDA

Thursday 19th November 2026

Below is a high-level agenda to give you a feel for how the day runs. A detailed event agenda will be provided closer to the date.

9:00 AM - 9.30AM	REGISTRATION
9.30 AM - 9.45 AM	WELCOME
9.45 AM - 10.15 AM	PRESENTATIONS
10.15 AM - 10.45AM	ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY: PART 1
10.45 AM - 11.00AM	MORNING TEA
11.00 AM - 11.45 AM	PRESENTATIONS
11.45 AM - 12.15 PM	ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY: PART 2
12.15 PM - 1.00 PM	LUNCH
1.00 PM - 2.00 PM	PRESENTATIONS
2.00 PM - 2.45 PM	PANEL
2.45 PM - 3.00 PM	AFTERNOON TEA
3.00 PM - 4.00 PM	PRESENTATIONS
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm	NETWORKING DRINKS



WHY YOU CAN'T MISS THIS EVENT

- Reconnect with WA's engagement community as the Summit returns to Perth for the first time since 2018, bringing together professionals from across the state to share ideas, experiences and fresh perspectives
- Explore new ideas and innovative approaches to community engagement and social impact through though-provoking discussions, collaborative activities and opportunities to learn from industry peers
- Build your skills and deepen your practice with an exclusive one-day Master Class
- Great conversations, great connections and great food and drinks, all with a stunning ocean view

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ✓ Community and stakeholder engagement practitioners of all levels of experience
- ✓ Communications and public relations professionals
- ✓ Public affairs and media relations professionals
- ✓ Digital, online and social media professionals
- ✓ Communications consultants
- ✓ Community development professionals of all levels of experience
- ✓ People who work regularly on the front line with communities
- ✓ Strategic and land use planers
- ✓ Anyone wanting to improve how their organization works with communities and stakeholder

KEY BENEFITS

- Gain fresh perspectives and inspiration to implement new ideas that will make a meaningful impact on your community
- Expand your network, strengthen team connections, and exchange ideas in a welcoming and collaborative environment, fostering a supportive community for growth
- Immerse yourself in a positive and inclusive atmosphere that nurtures creativity and encourages the free flow of ideas, making collaboration a natural outcome

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